

**RENSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING**

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Legislature called to order by Chairwoman Hoffman at:

Roll Call: Present:

Absent:

Invocation: Mr. Grant

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mr. Fleming

NOTICE OF CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE, pursuant to Rule No. 1C of the Rules of the Rensselaer County Legislature and in accordance with the NYS Open Meeting Law, Section 104, a special meeting of the Rensselaer County Legislature will be held on: **Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**

The purpose of this meeting is to act upon legislation filed in accordance with Rule 16C of the Rules of the Rensselaer County, in the Legislative Chambers of the Rensselaer County Office Building, 99 Troy Road, East Greenbush, New York.

/K/Kelly Hoffman
Chairwoman of the Legislature

On motion of Mr. Herrington, duly seconded, the reading of the minutes of Regular Meeting of March 10, 2026 was dispensed with and approved as printed.

MEETING AGENDA

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS: (on file in Clerk's Office)

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS: (on file in Clerk's Office)

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS: (on file in Clerk's Office)

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: (on file in Clerk's Office)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: (on file in Clerk's Office)

LOCAL LAWS: None

INDEX OF RESOLUTIONS: Attached

LEGISLATOR'S PRIVILEGE: None

ADJOURNMENT:

"Say NO to Drugs"

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RESOLUTION	TITLE
G/100/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AWARDS AND AMENDED CONTRACT AMOUNTS FOR THE HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES EDUCATION CENTER (ATEC) PHASE II - COUNTY EXECUTIVE - RECONSIDERATION FROM MARCH 10, 2026 AGENDA
G/126/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND FILING OF 2025 ANNUAL MORTGAGE EXPENSE REQUEST FORM BY THE RENSSELAER COUNTY CLERK - RENSSELAER COUNTY CLERK
P/127/26	RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TRUSTEE OF HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
P/128/26	RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE RENSSELAER COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD AND ADOPTING RULES FOR THE BOARD

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Casale, Gendron, Nichols

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date March 26, 2026

Resolution No. G/100/26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AWARDS AND AMENDED CONTRACT AMOUNTS FOR
THE HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPLIED TECHNOLOGIES EDUCATION
CENTER (ATEC) PHASE II – COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, Resolution G/358/23 authorized the County to approve the Hudson Valley Community College resolution establishing a \$53.5 million capital project, and Resolution G/527/24 authorized contract awards, for the Hudson Valley Community College Applied Technology Education Center (“ATEC”) – Phase II (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Hudson Valley Community College at its January 28, 2025 meeting approved the following contract awards for the Project (“ATEC Planning and Inspection Awards”):

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Services	Barber Engineering	\$9,000.00
Project Special Inspection Services	Atlantic Testing Laboratories	\$39,159.00

; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Hudson Valley Community College at its February 25, 2025 meeting approved an amended contract award to Bunkoff General Contractors for General Construction for the Project, in accordance with the original bid by the vendor, in the amount of \$27,920,000; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Hudson Valley Community College at its December 8, 2025 meeting approved contract change orders for the Project for the following vendors (“ATEC General Construction and Trade Contractors”), without adjustment of the total Project cost of \$53.5 million:

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>CHANGE ORDER INCREASE</u>	<u>REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT</u>
General Construction	Bunkoff General Contractors	\$1,048,233.00	\$28,968,233.00
Fire Protection Construction	Absolute Fire	\$ 26,453.00	\$ 630,453.00
Plumbing Construction	E.W. Tompkins	\$ 155,142.00	\$ 2,129,150.00
Mechanical Construction	RMB Mechanical	\$ 226,521.22	\$ 8,194,521.00
Control Construction	Johnson Controls	\$ 36,397.00	\$ 958,397.00
Electrical Construction	Tech Electric	<u>\$ 394,045.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,809,745.00</u>
TOTAL:		\$1,886,791.22	\$46,690,499.00

; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That, without adjustment to the total Project cost of \$53.5 million, the Rensselaer County Executive is authorized to approve and sign agreements, and such other and further documents that may be necessary, to (i) contract with the above-referenced vendors for the ATEC Planning and Inspection Awards and (ii) increase the current contract amounts with the ATEC General Construction and Trade Contractors to the corresponding above-referenced revised contract amounts, all in furtherance of the Project and subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following ROLL CALL vote:

Ayes: 18

Nays: 0

Abstain: 1 (Hoffman)

March 10, 2026

Pursuant to section 3.06 of the Rensselaer County Charter, Section B, this resolution has been vetoed by the County Executive on: March 23, 2026, Veto Message is attached.

Reconsideration of this resolution was held on March 26, 2026 Pursuant to section 3.06 (D).

Resolution RECONSIDERED FOR OVERRIDE by the following ROLL CALL vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

March 26, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
 Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

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March 10, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 3-11-26

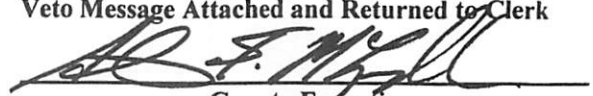
Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved _____ Date 3/18/26

Disapproved Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk


County Executive



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Rensselaer County
Office of County Executive Steven F. McLaughlin
99 Troy Road, East Greenbush, NY 12061
(518) 270-2900

March 18, 2026

Ms. Jessica L. Charette
Clerk of the Legislature
County Offices
99 Troy Road
East Greenbush, NY 12061

Dear Ms. Charette:

Attached is Resolution G/100, adopted at the March 10, 2026 meeting of the County Legislature and which I hereby veto as County Executive.

Prior to the March 10 legislative meeting, I had asked legislators to refrain from adopting Resolution G/100 and stated in a substantive letter that I would veto the resolution. A copy of my letter of March 10, 2026 is attached for review.

My concerns regarding the issues raised in G/100 have grown significantly for the following reasons, along with those cited in my March 10, 2026 letter, and include:

- Resolution G/100/2026 claims the resolution was introduced by myself as County Executive, which is false.
- Resolution G/100/2026 does not identify any source for payment as required by the County Charter.
- Despite my earlier request, there is no explanation provided as to how any construction-related costs could be incurred at the college for a project lacking a required work permit.
- Also, despite my earlier request, there continues to be no explanation as to who authorized construction-related work at the college without a required work permit.
- And, no attempt has been made to explain the fact that college officials started work on a project with an estimated \$82 million cost without adequate funds. The ATEC

project is now under \$62 million, thanks to efforts by myself and others, along with ensuring necessary work permits were properly obtained.

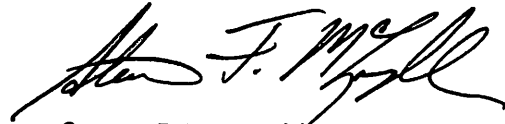
- The County Legislature has several appointments to the Hudson Valley Community College Board of Trustees, including a trustee also serving as a Legislator. No explanations on the issue have been provided to my office by these legislative appointees since G/100/2026 was introduced.

Without the requested explanations, it would be fiscally and operationally irresponsible as County Executive to approve Resolution G/100/2026.

I would ask for the County Legislature to provide me with any and all correspondence received on this issue from any sources that my office is not also copied on. I would also request the minutes of any legislative committee meeting, including the Education Committee, where this issue has been discussed during 2026.

For reasons stated above, and in the best interests of the residents and taxpayers of Rensselaer County, G/100/2026 is hereby vetoed.

Sincerely,



Steven F. McLaughlin

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman

Sent To: _____ Committee _____ Date March 26, 2026

Resolution No. G/126/26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND FILING OF 2025 ANNUAL MORTGAGE EXPENSE REQUEST FORM BY THE RENSSELAER COUNTY CLERK – RENSSELAER COUNTY CLERK

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 262 of the New York State Tax Law (copy attached hereto), expenses of County Officers in recording mortgages and achieving the purposes of Article II, Chapter 60 of the New York State Tax Law are reimbursable and can be deducted from the proceeds of the Mortgage Tax collected; and

WHEREAS, New York State requires the filing of an Annual Mortgage Expense Report, a copy of which is attached hereto, in order to claim such deduction, and good cause appearing therefor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby approves that the Rensselaer County Clerk shall be authorized to prepare and submit on behalf of the County of Rensselaer, the 2025 Annual Mortgage Expense Request Form (Form MT-3).

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

March 26, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman

Sent To: _____ Committee _____ Date March 26, 2026

Resolution No. P/127/26

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TRUSTEE OF HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHEREAS, Section 6306 of the Education Law provides for the appointment of certain members of the Board of Trustees by the local Legislative Body for a seven-year term; and

WHEREAS, Due to a vacancy this appointment will commence immediately and expire June 30, 2029; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Harry J. Tutunjian, residing at 31 24th Street, Troy, New York 12180 be and is hereby appointed as a Trustee of Hudson Valley Community College for a term to commence immediately and to expire June 30, 2029.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

March 26, 2026

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman

Sent To: _____ Committee _____ Date March 26, 2026

Resolution No. P/128/26

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE RENSSELAER COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD AND ADOPTING RULES FOR THE BOARD

WHEREAS, There currently exists vacancies on the Rensselaer County Sewer District No. 1 Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Legislature has reviewed and approved the attached Rules for the Sewer Board and the following persons be and hereby are appointed to the Rensselaer County Sewer District No. 1 Board for a term to commence immediately and to expire December 31, 2026:

Name	Address	City, State, Zip
Pat Poletto	35 Mellon Avenue	Troy, NY 12180
Steven F. Miner	8 Whitman Court	Troy, NY 12180
Ernest Dambrose	726 East Street	Rensselaer, NY 12144
Lou Lourinia	1495 Third Street	Rensselaer, NY 12144
John Mainello	4 Joseph Street	Troy, New York 12180
Joseph Bott	7 Nicholas Avenue	Wynantskill, NY 12198
Vacant		
Marshall Dolgin	330 East Street	Rensselaer, NY 12144
Frank Lewandusky	109 Gundrum Point Road	Averill Park, NY 12018
Michael Masone	96 Macha Lane	Wynantskill, NY 12198
Jamie Thomas, Esq (Non- Voting Member)	9 Shepard Lane	Troy, NY 12182

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

March 26, 2026

Rules of the Rensselaer County Sewer Board of Commissioners

Rule 1. Establishment

There is hereby reconstituted a body to be known as the **Rensselaer County Sewer Board of Commissioners** (hereinafter, the “Board”).

Rule 2. Composition and Appointment

- A. The Board shall consist of **10** members.
- B. All members shall be appointed by the Rensselaer County Legislature.
- C. Members shall serve for a term of one (1) to four (4) years and may be reappointed.
- D. Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled by appointment of the Legislature for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Rule 3. Purpose and Scope

The Board is established for the purpose of providing oversight, review, and advisory input regarding the operation of the Rensselaer County Sewer District #.

Rule 4. Advisory Capacity Only

- A. The Board shall serve strictly in an advisory capacity.
- B. The Board shall have no authority to:
 - 1. Make operational or policy decisions for the Rensselaer County Sewer District #1;
 - 2. Direct, supervise, or control the Executive Director or any employee of the Rensselaer County Sewer District #1; or
 - 3. Require or prohibit any action by the Executive Director or staff.

Rule 5. Meetings

- A. The Board may meet on a monthly basis, or as otherwise necessary to fulfill its advisory responsibilities.
- B. Meetings shall be scheduled by the Chair of the Board or upon request of a majority of the Board members.
- C. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of New York State law.

Rule 6. Attendance

- A. Members are expected to attend all scheduled meetings of the Board.
- B. A member who is absent from a meeting shall not receive compensation for that meeting.
- C. Repeated or excessive absences may be reported to the Chair of the Legislature for consideration for removal from the Board.

Rule 7. Quorum

- A. A majority of the appointed members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
- B. No official business or advisory action shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum.

Rule 8. Attendance by Executive Director

The Executive Director of the Rensselaer County Sewer District #1, or his or her designated representative, shall attend meetings of the Board to provide information and respond to questions.

Rule 9. Organization and Officers

- A. At its organizational meeting, the Board shall elect a Chair by a majority vote of its members.
- B. The Chair shall preside over meetings and coordinate communication with the Legislature.

Rule 10. Ethics and Conduct

- A. Members of the Board shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Rensselaer County Code of Ethics and New York State law.
- B. Members shall avoid conflicts of interest, both actual and perceived, and shall disclose any potential conflict related to matters under review by the Board.
- C. Members shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the public trust and the advisory nature of the Board.

Rule 11. Compensation

- A. Members of the Board shall receive compensation of **one hundred ten dollars (\$110) per meeting attended**, not to exceed **one thousand, one hundred dollars (\$1,100) per calendar year**.
- B. Members shall receive **no compensation for meetings not attended**.
- C. Members shall receive **no county benefits** by virtue of their service on the Board.
- D. The Chair of the Board shall receive **two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per year**, in compensation.

Rule 12. Reporting

The Board shall communicate its observations, recommendations, and advisory comments to the Chair of the Rensselaer County Legislature or to the Chair's designated representative.

Rule 13. Procedural Authority

The Board may adopt internal procedures consistent with these Rules and applicable law, provided such procedures do not expand the Board's authority beyond its advisory role.

Approved By Resolution: G/____/26